

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The
EPISTLE MARCH 2016



PO Box 1449 (Traver Rd. at the corner of Rte. 44), Pleasant Valley, New York 12569
Tel: 845-635-2854 stpaulspv@verizon.net www.stpaulspv.org

Bishop of New York
The Rt. Reverend
Andrew Dietsche,



Rector
The Reverend Megan E.
Sanders
845-206-9974
mothersanders@gmail.com

Wardens
Roger Tumbarello-635-1220
Nancy Adams-635-1448

Vestry Members:

Donato Caferra
Amanda Evans
Karen Garrison
Barbara Jane Haight
Sandy House
Barbara Rawls
Kay Saderholm
Joseph Sebik
Liz Whitman

Treasurer Marilyn Kirchner

Assistant Treasurer

Terri Ghee

Clerk of the Vestry

Kay Mackey

Music Director

Marilyn Kirchner

Organist

Alice Cann

Epistle

Kay Mackey

Liz Whitman

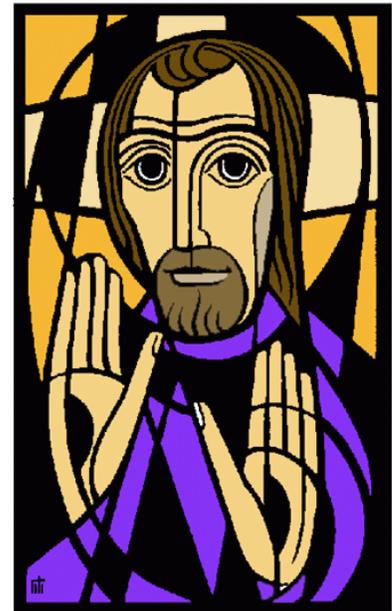
Dear St. Paul's Parish Family:

Peace to you as we approach the ending of the Lenten season and the beginning of the Easter season! Every day of our lives is a new journey with God and with our community— this Lent has been a time for us to reflect together on the journey we are on as individuals and as a faith community. The ending of Lent and the beginning of Easter invites us all to reflect on where we've been and look ahead to where we are going. We cannot see the road ahead of us. We are not sure of where it will lead us. With faith, we continue to journey onward, one step at a time, one moment at a time. We are not promised that the road will be an easy one.

Only that we will not be alone as we travel through our lives. Thanks be to God that we are loved beyond measure and that there is absolutely nothing we can do to change the truth of our value to God. God loves us when we make choices rooted in love. God loves us when we make choices rooted in fear. The example Jesus gives us with his life, death, and resurrection is the message that love casts out all fear, and that love wins in every circumstance, conquering even death. We are all called to respond to God's love for us by loving ourselves and by loving our neighbors. Some days we follow Jesus' example pretty closely, other days, not so much. What we do know is that we are always invited to turn back to God through the example of Jesus. Every moment of every day. With every victory and with every disappointment or loss, we are able to return to God. That, my friends, is good news. For all of us.

This Easter, let us remember ourselves through the lens through which God sees us. We are created in God's image, and we are beautiful in God's sight. Every single one of us. Every single moment of our lives. May we find the strength through the example of Jesus to live in the light of God's love, and to offer a safe space for our neighbors to dwell with us in that light.

In peace,
Mother Megan





Sunday Services

***Holy
Eucharist
8AM-Rite I
10AM-Rite II
With music***

***9:45AM– Sunday
School
Join us for fellow-
ship and refresh-
ments following
the 10 AM service***

***Wednesday
9:15AM Morning
Prayer***

***Friday
6PM Evening
Prayer***

March 27th– EASTER SUNDAY—*ALL ARE WELCOME!*

6:30am– Ecumenical Town sunrise service at the Mill Park

8.00 am– Holy Eucharist– Rite I

10 am— Holy Eucharist– Rite II

Easter Liturgy FAQs (episcopalchurch.org):

The liturgy intended as the first (and arguably, the primary) celebration of Easter in the Book of Common Prayer [BCP] (pp. 284-95). It is also known as the Great Vigil. The service begins in darkness, sometime between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter, and consists of four parts: The Service of Light (kindling of new fire, lighting the Paschal candle, the Exsultet); The Service of Lessons (readings from the Hebrew Scriptures interspersed with psalms, canticles, and prayers); Christian Initiation (Holy Baptism) or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows; and the Eucharist. Through this liturgy, the BCP recovers an ancient practice of keeping the Easter feast. Believers would gather in the hours of darkness ending at dawn on Easter to hear scripture and offer prayer. This night-long service of prayerful watching anticipated the baptisms that would come at first light and the Easter Eucharist. Easter was the primary baptismal occasion for the early church to the practical exclusion of all others. This practice linked the meanings of Christ's dying and rising to the understanding of baptism.

Our community is invited to join with others for an Easter Vigil service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Poughkeepsie at 7:30 PM on Saturday, March 26th.



A Message of Thanks:

A special thank you to the St. Paul's parish community for the love and support given to Ingrid Kern and her family before, during, and after the celebration of Bill Kern's life on February 13th. Ingrid wishes to thank each of you individually and all of us together for the kindness and generosity shown to her and her family by St. Paul's. Thank you to everyone who participated in the liturgy, offered hospitality at the reception, and donated toward the end of life expenses. May God's peace continue to be with us all!

Mother Megan (on behalf of Ingrid)

Bridges to Community Service Trip

Allie Sprauer and Heather Adams, both Juniors at Arlington High School and members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Pleasant Valley, New York, will be travelling to Nicaragua on a mission trip this August. They are traveling with Bridges to Community, an international non-for profit organization that helps the lives of impoverished communities of developing nations through volunteer trips such as this one. For more information on BTC visit www.bridgestocommunity.org

The fee for the trip is \$1395 plus airfare. The fee covers the cost of the masons and the materials for the housing being built, all ground transportation, lodging and all meals while there.

Allie and Heather wish to raise \$2000 each. They have four fundraisers that need your support. They are as follows:

1. Returnable glass, plastic and can collection. They will be collected the FIRST SUNDAY every month at the Parish Hall. If you need them to be picked up sooner, arrangements can be made. Contact Nancy Adams 635-1448
2. CLOTHING DRIVE. "ClothingDriveFundraiser.com" The goal is 200– 30 gallon bags by May 21st. See the attached flyer for donation details. Collection at Heather's home 251 Creek Road, Pleasant Valley or bring bags to St. Paul's parish hall to be stored in first classroom on left-aka junk room. CDF pays .17 per pound!!! What a good excuse to spring clean those closets and dressers. Flyers are available in the church vestibule, parish hall, on our website and facebook page.
3. A food type fundraiser such as a brunch, dessert party or pasta mystery dinner. Feedback on which one everyone would prefer would be fantastic. Email the church @ stpaulspv@verizon.net with your thoughts and they will be forwarded to Allie and Heather.
4. Allie and Heather are selling Gertrude Chocolate bars at school. A percentage of all the bars sold goes towards off-setting the BTC fee. On some Sundays they will be available for purchase.

Allie and Heather are very ambitious in meeting their goals. Please help support them. Any questions or concerns contact Nancy Adams– 635-1448.

Thank you– Heather and Allie

Carpenter's Kids and Central Tanganyika Update– Bishop Dickson Chilongani and his family will be at St. Andrew's Church in New Paltz, NY on Saturday March 19th from 1-2:30 p.m. He will be presenting the latest update about Carpenter's Kids and the relationship of the Diocese of New York with the Diocese of Central Tanganyika. Please RSVP to Mother Megan by March 6th if you would like to attend this event.



Go Solar– A Unique opportunity!

The town of Pleasant Valley has endorsed a program, 'Solarize Hudson Valley', to help make it easier and more affordable for households and small businesses to go solar. Combining the power of community education with a smart group purchasing strategy, 'Solarize' helps everyone learn about solar technology, benefits, choices and financing options. Working with highly qualified, pre-selected installation firms and community outreach volunteers, 'Solarize' offers a purchasing discount to all participants. There are

two workshops planned, the first at the Pleasant Valley Library on March 31 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and the second at the Town Hall April 28, also from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Questions? See Debby Glynn.



**St. Paul's Episcopal
Church is a Christian
family of caring
people who strive to
support and nurture
each other and
their community
through faith and the
grace of God.**



ANNUAL ST.PATRICK'S DAY DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, March 12,2016

4:30-7 P.M.

Adults \$14.00

Seniors & Take out \$13.00

Children 6-10 \$7.00

Menu will include Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes, Homemade Irish Soda Bread, Homemade Cookies , Stewart's Ice Cream & Beverages

For more information call the church office at 845-635-2854.

We will need volunteers for this event. Please speak with Marilyn , Bill Kirchner or Kay Mackey if you would like to volunteer.

For the Silent Auction we would appreciate it if our parishioners would be able to obtain a donation (gift card, service or gift item) for the Silent Auction. This is an opportunity for local businesses to advertise. If you are downsizing and have new or gently used items please consider donating them for the auction. Barb Rawls is chairing this event. You may contact her at 845-635-8517 or barbara.rawls2@verizon.net

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1. Brian Platel
Marge Root
2. Trent Stone
3. John Borchert
4. Vincent DeMarco
5. Michael Shipley
6. Babs Wilcox
10. Corin Kutner
12. Christine Kirchner
13. PamMoustakas
16. Rosemary Jones
17. Rhoda Gruner
Pat Johnson
18. Kay Mackey
19. Colleen Kutner
Piper Delaney Macak
Austin Jacob Shipley
21. Katherine Ottaway Kittredge
25. Rudy Macak
27. Tracy Mackey Rouse



EASTER FLOWERS-

Marilyn Kirchner will be taking names of those you would like to honor or remember at Easter. Since Easter is early this year, she will need the names no later than March 20th (Palm Sunday) See her at church or contact her at 845-635-3431 or email at UserK3939@aol.com

Please mark your calendars

March 12-Saturday– Annual St. Patrick’s Day Dinner and Silent Auction– 4:30-7pm.
See page 4 for more information.



SPRING AHEAD

Remember to set your clocks ahead tonight as daylight savings time begins.

March 14– Monday-7pm Vestry Meeting; Committees meet at 6:30

March 20th– Palm Sunday– 8a.m.– Rite I; 10a.m. Blessing of the Palms in the parish hall, procession to the church. Reading, by the vestry, of The Passion of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

March 21-26 HOLY WEEK

March 23rd– Wednesday-9:15a.m.– Morning Prayer in the church



March 24th– MAUNDY THURSDAY-7p.m.– Holy Eucharist, washing of the feet & stripping of the altar. All are invited to this very moving service. The altar guild is invited to participate in the stripping of the altar and setting up of the altar of repose, as you are able. See Esther Ottaway for instructions.

NIGHT WATCH– will follow the 7pm service. Please sign up if you plan to participate. *Jesus said* “Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?”



March 25th– GOOD FRIDAY– Noon– Singing of The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Holy Eucharist will be distributed from the reserved Sacrament.

March 25th– 6:30 p.m.– Ecumenical Stations of the Cross beginning at the Presbyterian Church and processing to the Methodist Church, St. Paul’s, and will finish at St. Stanislaus Church. In the event of inclement weather the service will be held at the Presbyterian Church.

HAVE A BLESSED EASTER

March 27th– EASTER SUNDAY- 6:30am– Ecumenical Town sunrise service at the Mill Park
Worship at St.Paul’s

8.00 a.m.– Holy Eucharist– Rite I

10 a.m.— Holy Eucharist– Rite II

no coffee hour



ALLELUIA ! Christ is Risen.

The Lord is Risen Indeed ALLELUIA !BCP

